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This supplement contains amendments and corrections sent in by a number of cruising yachtsmen and women, in addition to those culled from official sources such as *Notices to Mariners*.

Note where lights have been modified in this text do please remember to alter them on the appropriate plan.

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This Supplement is cumulative and the latest information is listed in [blue](#).

General

Now that Bulgaria and Romania have joined the European Union most things are much easier for European Union boats to visit these countries. Many locals have now taken up boating so the infrastructure for boating is gradually falling into place.

Page 2 Charts

The official Danube Commission charts can be downloaded for free from www://afdj.ro/electronic_map.html

There are other pages with the location of the signals, the distance from the bank and depth at the signals, water levels. The notice to skippers gives the latest updates. There are links to the other countries that border on the Danube.

Page 3 Proof of engine specifications

Serial number and power of the engine in Kw is a standard question. Note that 1HP = 746 Kw = 735 PS.

Page 4 Bulgaria

Fuel

Quayside fuel in Romania available now at Eforie Nord and in Bulgaria at Balchick and Sozopol. Fuel could be delivered by a vehicle, in cans when a boat is on a pontoon too far away for the hose of the tanker truck to reach.

Service and spares

Courier services are now well established and obliging harbourmasters, shops or hotels could be used as a delivery address.

Page 8 Bulgaria

Communications

All emergencies 112.

Money

The 1 leva note is no longer legal tender.

Page 9 Bulgaria

Prices

Remove the first sentence and replace with: In 2014 the minimum wage in Bulgaria was €173 per month.

Ports of entry

Nessebar and Tzaravo are now ports of entry and all procedures have been simplified.

Ports of Entry

The location of border police. Add: Tutrakan

For border formalities no agent is required. Boats should report to the first port of entry and again at the final port before their departure. It is not necessary to check in or out at another ports once clearance has been obtained. The entry clearance is valid for six months.

Page 10 Bulgaria, 2nd paragraph

Delete the first sentence and replace with:

EU and EEA and some other nationalities no longer need to register with the border police and are free to stay for a period of 90 days without any conditions or formalities except the requirement to hold a valid ID card or passport.

Ports of entry

Last sentence:

Replace with: Importing or exporting more than €10,000 or the equivalent in another currency must be declared in writing on an official customs currency declaration form.

Page 14 Romania

Communications

Public telephones require cards which are sold at Post Offices.

Weather reports ☎ 9591

Consumer protection ☎ 980

All emergencies, fire, accident, medical, disaster etc

☎ 112

Delete: International emergency calls ☎ 971

Money

A few banks in large towns are opening at the weekend, but still closed on public holidays.

Charts for the River Danube

See this supplement Page 2 Charts update.

Prices

Remove the second sentence and replace with: In 2014 the minimum wage in Romania is €191 per month.

Page 19 Bulgaria Black Sea Main Lights

Varna Fl.10s17m10M Horn(2)10s

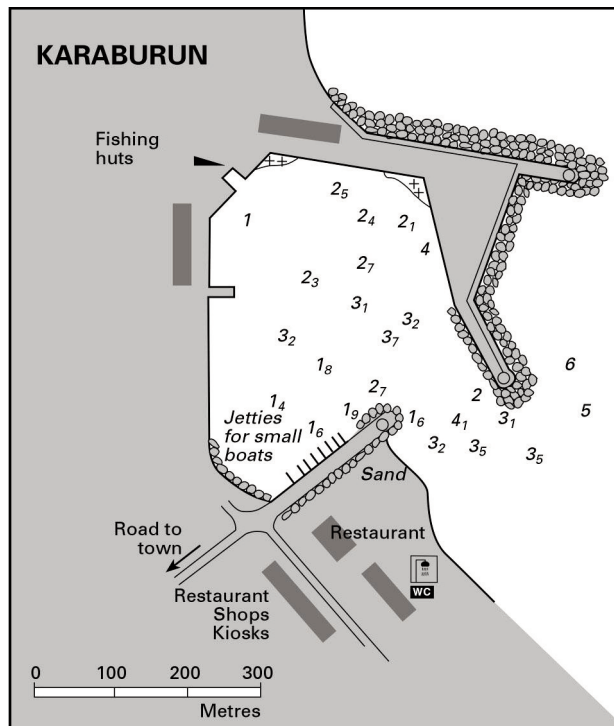
Page 22 Karaburun

Delete the first three sentences and replace with:

In 2008 the harbour was dredged and is now used by larger fishing boats.

Delete the following sentence:

We were advised that there were plans to dredge the harbour entrance, but nobody knew when.

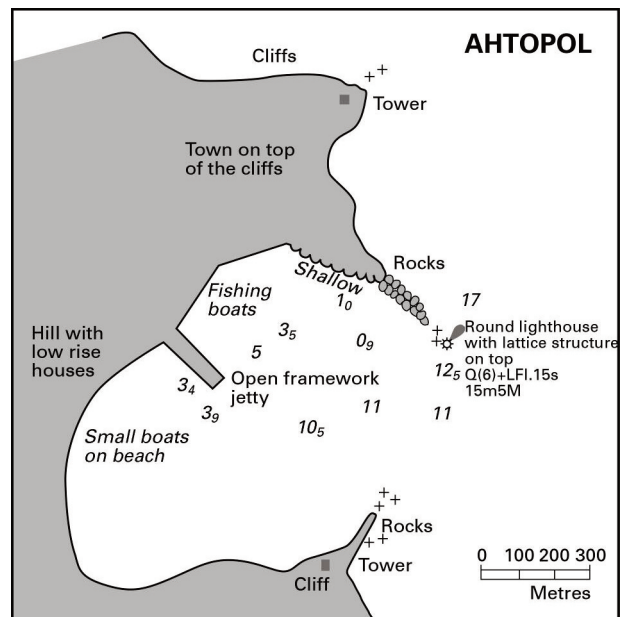


Page 24 Igneada

Notes regarding the chart. In 2008 there is more depth at the entrance to the harbour than shown on the chart. The fuel depot just outside the harbour does not function. The flashing red light on the northern jetty was a permanent red light.

Page 26 Ahtopol

Chart depth changes, see new chart below.



Page 27 Tzarevo (Carevo)

Call on Channel 16.

Approximate cost for one night: 8m €9, 10m €15, 12.5m €30, payable in Leva.

It was suggested that it is not necessary to follow the lead line directions when coming from the north. It may not be essential but it is still a useful lead line.

It can be a port of entry or departure from Bulgaria.



Lighthouse at Tzarevo

Page 31 Sozopol

Working Channel 88.

The Ribex fishing company buildings and boats are now away, and they no longer use the harbour. The area they had occupied has now been developed for pleasure boats. There are seven rows of pontoons with water, electric and wireless internet access and a capacity for 335 boats. Other facilities include WC, showers, ship chandler, crane, dry dock services, engine and yacht maintenance, diving school and services, winter storage. The harbour master's office is next to the bistro at the entrance.

Facilities: add fuel.

Petrol and diesel at the refuelling pontoon.

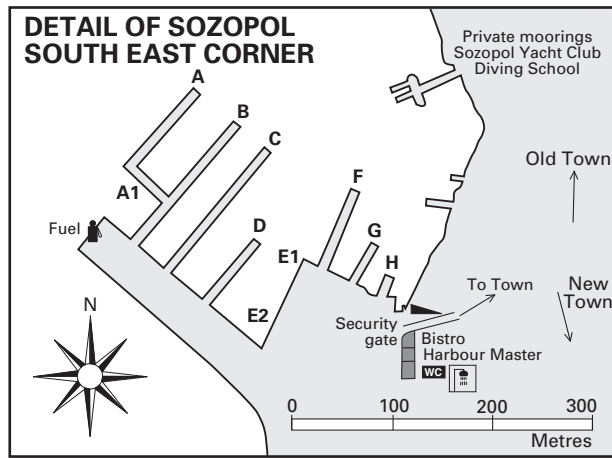
A sample of the prices in €

Size (metres)	Day	Week	Month	Season	Year
10	12.78	66.47	140.00	825.00	1500.00
14.5	30.68	161.06	340.00	1980.00	3600.00
25	51.13	268.83	700.00	4125.00	7500.00

Maximum size in metres for various pontoons (for guidance only). The letters refer to the chart.

Pontoon	A	A1	B	C	D	E1	E2	F	G	H
Size (metres)	21	>21	16-18	18-21	>21	>21	16	12-16	10-12	7

See new plan below.



Page 32 Ice for the drinks box

Remove this box.

Page 37 Burgas

There are three ship chandlers in town, change to:
There are several ship chandlers in town.

Varbanov Yacht Centre

Change of phone number to ☎0898551403 or 056843232

Add in the following two companies:

Bulmar Ltd, Ul Hristo Botev 55, 8000 Burgas
☎056810047

P&P Yachting, Ul Vladimir Vazov 29, 8000 Burgas
☎056841084 or 0887870405

Email plamenk@bginfo.net

Page 38 Sarafovo

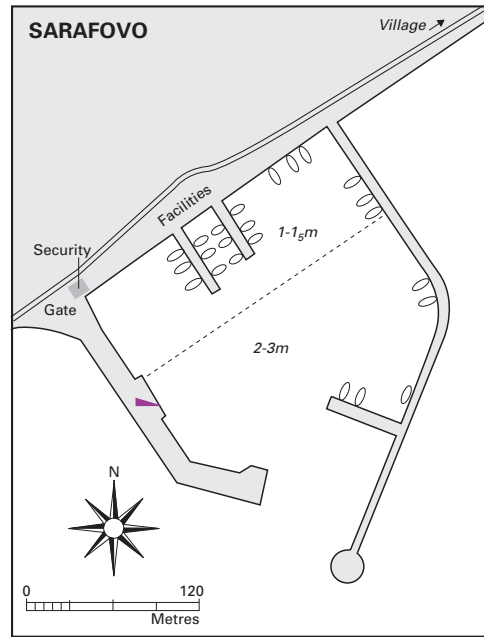
42°32'N 27°31'E

Sarafovo now has a new marina with 151 berths and can accommodate 6 boats up to 20m.

Working Channel 73. Speed 3 knots. 24 hour security.

Prices at Sarafovo in Bulgarian Leva. Exchange rate approximately 1€ = 2 Leva

	10m	13.5m
Year	2,640	4,400
Season	1,350	2,160
Month	350	510
Week	125	175
Day	23	35



Facilities include electric, water, free WiFi, waste water pump out, showers, a pub, 24 hour security, ample storage area, and fuel delivered by truck. It is a short walk into the village. Burgas airport is only a few minutes away by taxi which would make this a convenient port for a crew change.

See new plan above.

Page 39 Pomorie (New Harbour)

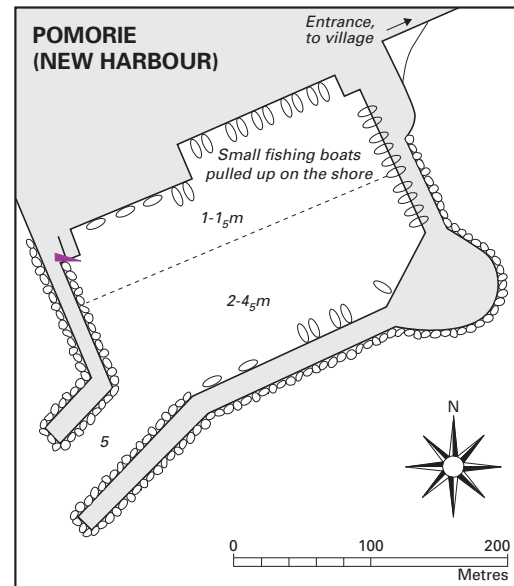
42°33'N 27°38'8E

This is a new marina which is more sheltered than the original harbour in Pomorie. It has 120 berths. The maximum speed in the harbour is 3 knots.

Working Channel 77.

Prices at Pomorie in Bulgarian Leva for one day (exchange rate approximately 1€ = 2 Leva):

7-10m	23 Leva
10-12m	35 Leva
12-14.5m	40 Leva
14.5-18m	47 Leva
21m+	3 Leva per metre



Facilities, electric, water, fuel by truck, 24 hour security, ample storage area, close proximity to the village.

Page 39 Pomorie Boat Club Chart

The hotel Morski Knys Boat Club has changed to the tourist complex Tantra.

Page 40 Akheloy

There is now water and electricity on the harbour.

Page 40 Akheloy

There are now pontoons with eight places in the centre of the harbour. The depth on the seaward side is about 2.3m and at the inside of the harbour side 1.5m. The depth near the hut at the end of the jetty is 2.4m.

Akrotiriya

42°38'.87N 27°42'.51E

There is a scaffold and wood jetty belonging to a restaurant. The depth at the end is 2m. There is no charge for customers using the restaurant.

Page 41 Nessebar Yacht Harbour

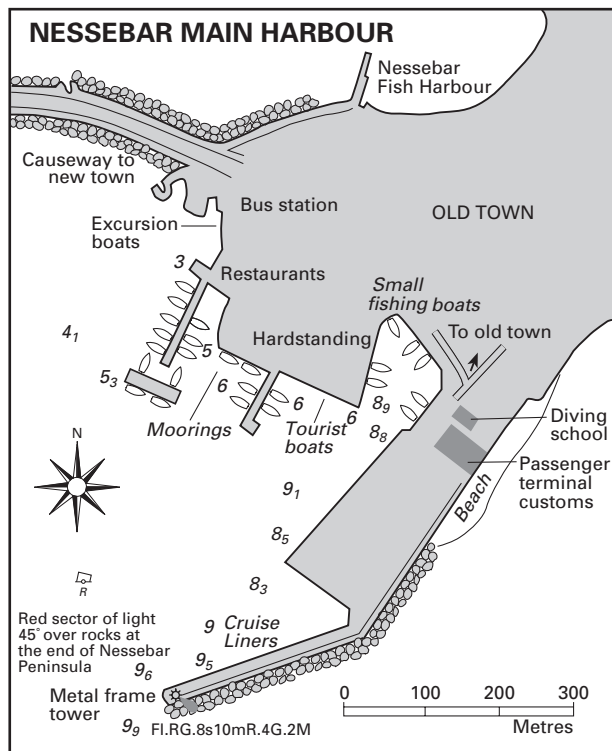
End of first paragraph: Delete the sentence “The border police request...departure on Ch 8.”

Page 41 Nessebar

There is a ship chandler in Nessebar at the harbour.

Page 42 Nessebar Main Harbour

New pontoons have been installed. There is an area for hard standing with a boat hoist. For larger and heavier boats there are several large cranes based in the area that can be hired. Based in the harbour is a diving school with PADI qualified instructors. There is an abundance of restaurants, cafés and bars in Nessebar.



Bunata Yacht Club

The restaurant has been removed along with the metal part of the jetty which was built in front of it. Alongside moorings are no longer available, although the breakwater would still give some shelter.

~~The two metal spikes have now been removed.~~

Nessebar Fish Harbour plan

The tequila bar no longer exists.

Page 43 Slunchev Bryag

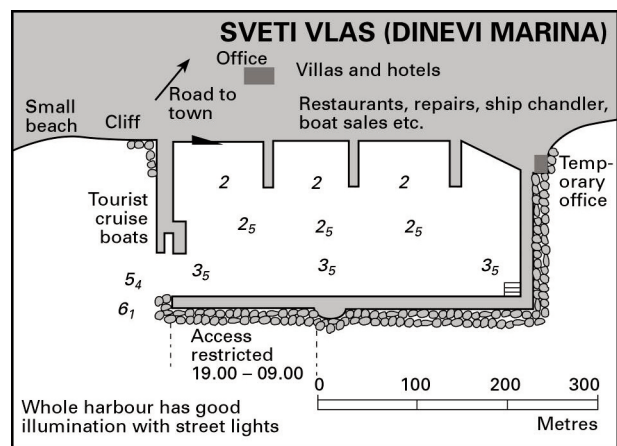
On the west side of the road which bypasses the resort is a new ship chandler which stocks Imray books and charts.

Page 44 Sveti Vlas

Working Channel 73. Maximum speed in the marina is three knots.

Major work was carried out in 2007 and facilities now include café, restaurants, laundry, internet connection, water, electricity, and fuel delivered by tanker truck. The marina was dredged in 2007.

There are plenty of shops and other tourist facilities available in the village.



Page 45 Byala

On the skyline there are now many new houses. Byala is advertised as a fishing boat harbour. There are now two small pontoons, but these are used by the locals. The light on the pillar at the end of the harbour is red. The cost for a nine metre boat is about €5 per night.

Page 47

Remove the paragraph: The cost is approximately... you only pay \$25.

Replace with: The cost for an 8m boat is €6 per night.

Page 50 Right hand column top paragraph, last line

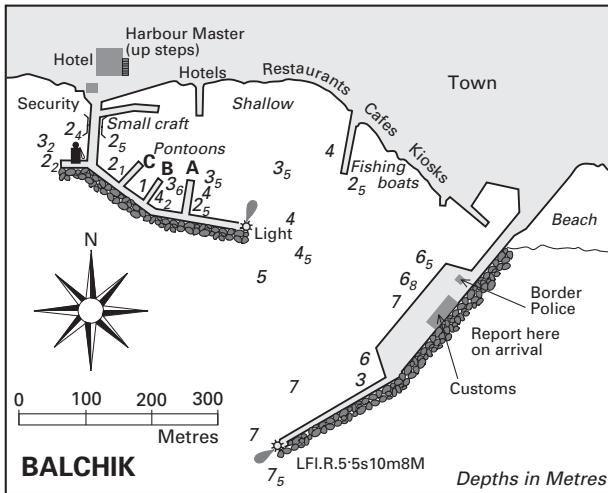
Replace with: We had one depth reading of less than 2m about a mile offshore.

Page 54 Balchik

Position given should read: 43°24'.20N 28°10'E

New plan for Balchik below.

Balchik is the most northerly port of entry, and on arrival one must first moor on the eastern pier and report to the border police. (Ch 6 or 16.) You are then directed to the western side of the harbour where there are pontoons with ample water and electric points. The pontoons take up to the following sizes, and larger boats are accommodated between pontoon A and the end of the harbour.



Sizes and costs

	Pontoon A	Pontoon B	Pontoon C
Max. size (metres)	15x4.4	12x4.2	10.5x3.7
Prices in € per day	25	18	12
Per month	504	378	252
Per 6 months	1,512	1,134	756
Per year	2,190	1,634	1,095

Prices include water, electric and VAT.

Prices are dependent on which pontoon you are on. Although our boat is less than 10.5m, and we tied up on pontoon C, we were told to move to pontoon A and charged the price for that size.

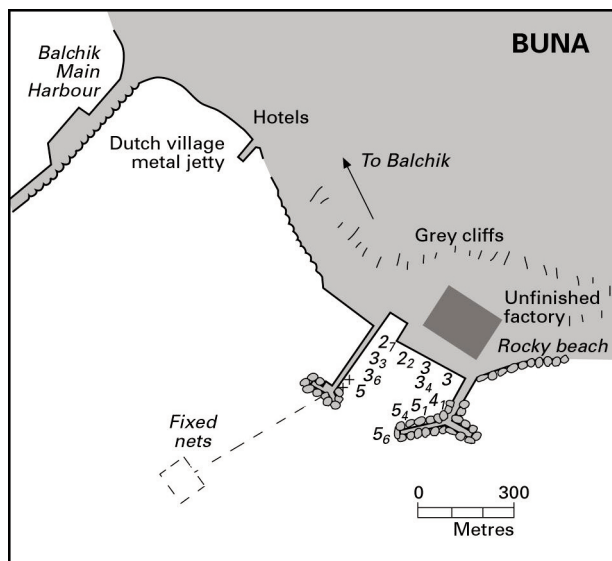
There is a security kiosk at the head of the harbour and the person on duty can direct you to the harbourmaster's office, which is up the stairs to the right of the hotel. The shower and toilets are now away and you are dependent on using the facilities in one of the restaurants. Fuel is available to the western side of the harbour.

Go to the east pier first unless directed otherwise.

Page 55 Top paragraph

Remove the sentence: The price for permission to sail... about €20.

Page 56 Buna



Page 57

Between Kavarna and Nos Kaliakra on the cliff tops are many wind turbines. At night they are illuminated with many red lights which would be a good marker in a night passage.

Page 58 Rusalka

To preserve the environment the government have decided to remove structures that do not have planning permission. They have smashed up Rusalka Jetty and dumped it in the sea. The very area they say they are trying to protect.

Page 60

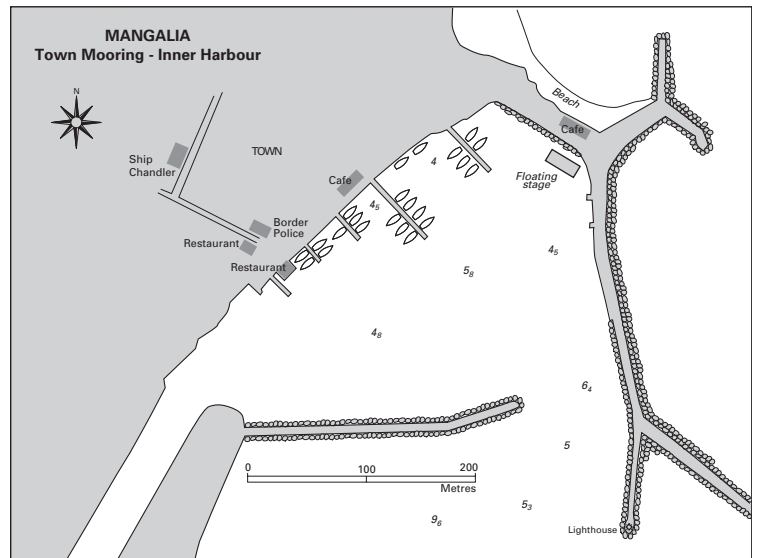
2 Mai

43°46'7N 28°34'9E

Just across the border from Bulgaria is the small harbour of 2 Mai which is used by local fishing boats. There is no place to tie onto but it could only be useful to give a little protection from a North wind.

Mangalia

Plan of the new pontoons installed at the town mooring.

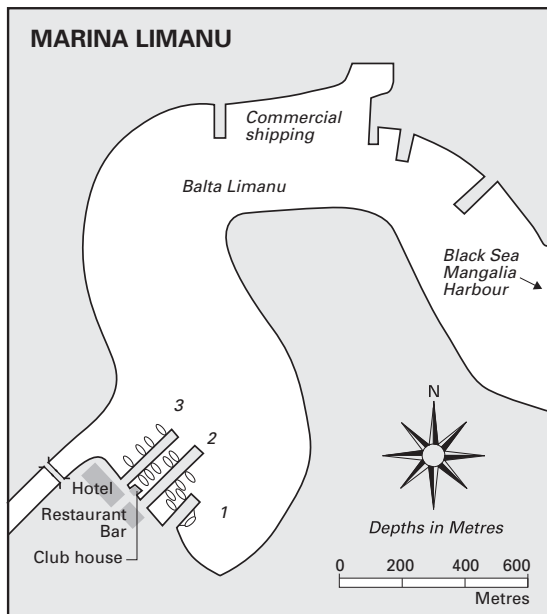


The procedures have completely changed and here is the new routine. After entering the harbour proceed direct to what is described on the chart as the town moorings. Here there are new pontoons with water, electric and in some places TV plug in points. The border police have a kiosk near the pontoons and should be reported to on arrival. The maximum speed in the harbour is 3kns. The harbourmaster at present does not have an office but plans for 2011 are to build a conference centre with all other facilities next to the new restaurant which is at the head of the pontoons. For an 8m boat the cost was €6 per night including water and electric.

Limanu Marina and Resort Mooring

43°48'N 28°32'E

From the southern corner of Mangalia harbour pass the cranes and shipyard of DMHI Daewoo Mangalia Heavy Industries and commercial harbour. This is clearly painted on the cranes. You then pass under a high road bridge and the boatyard of the Romanian navy. This is the reason this area had not been accessible to the general public until 2012. Continue round two long sweeping bends which thousands of years ago formed a mouth of the River Danube. Follow the buoyed channel until you find the Life Harbour Marina and Resort



tucked away in a very sheltered corner. There is water and electricity and free WiFi at the pontoons. The restaurant, bar and club have very friendly staff and to encourage visitors one or two nights stay is free of charge. A month's stay costs €120 to €200, and for a year €700 to €1,200.

There is a place nearby with facilities to lift boats out of the water either for maintenance or winter storage. A laundry is available at €3 per kilo. Ski jets, diving, banana boat, water skiing and other recreational facilities can be arranged at the shop by the hotel reception. A fast rib lifeboat is based there. It is possible to navigate about a further mile upstream. The boat club is very active; it started with five boats in 2013 and by 2016 had eighty three. It might be wise to book in advance. The email address is office@lifeharbour.ro. It has applied to be a port of entry.

The village of Limanu does not have much to offer but nearby is a large cave with inscriptions going back over 2,000 years. The historians have given different interpretations of its history.

See new plan above.

Page 62 Eforie Nord

This harbour has 60 places and can accommodate boats between 4 and 18m. The cost is between 8 and 30€ per day.

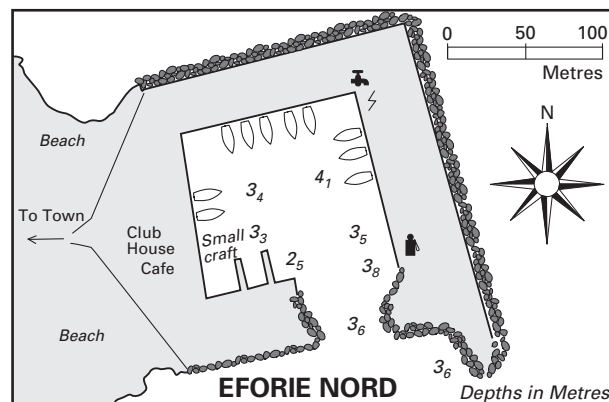
44°03'·5N 28°38'·4E (at the entrance) is a small harbour located between Mangalia and Constanța. It is the home to the Yacht Club Europa and has a small private beach.

The town itself has 3km of beach with well developed tourist facilities. Spas using the mud at nearby Techirghiol has made the area famous for its spa facilities since the 1800s.

The two small pontoons only accommodates small day boats and the larger ones moor Mediterranean style against the east and north sides. Some fixed moorings are in place and there is water and electric available. The maximum speed in the harbour is 3kns. Fuel is dispensed near the harbour entrance.

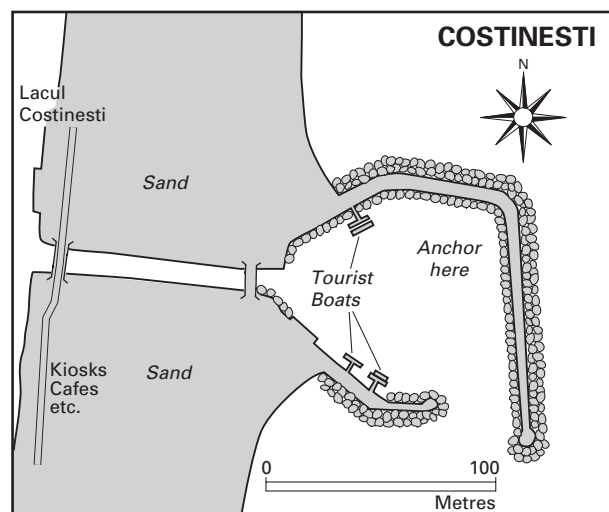
Toilets and showers are available in the club house. There is a crane capable of lifting 5 tons. The place is guarded by a private security company and security is excellent. In late summer 2012 there was a suction dredger working in the harbour, and the depths on the chart were those before the dredger was there.

New plan of Eforie Nord.



Page 62 Costinesti

Plan of Costinesti



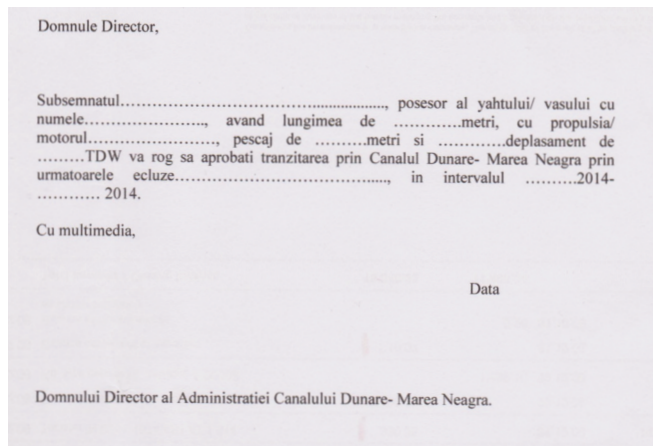
Costinesti position at the mouth of the harbour
43°56'·47N 28°38'·22E

The wooden jetties are used by the local tourist boats. The owners of these boats have stated that in the tourist season the jetties are busy but they would try to help any visiting boat. There probably would be no objection to dropping an anchor in the NE corner of the harbour. The depth throughout the harbour is 2m. The local boats moor in Lacul Costinesti, but these are all small motor boats, since the headroom under the bridges is restricted. The restaurants, cafés and kiosks located at the edge of the lake tend to only work during July and August.

Page 63 Price for use of the Canal

Officially quoted price for a pleasure boat is €100 although a boat reported they had to pay in Romanian Lei, so it would be wise to have some. The canal director also stated that the captain declares that he is the owner of a private boat and not a company, he may be prepared to give a very low price or perhaps nothing. This would have to be arranged in advance by sending

an email. This should be in Romanian and emailed to dan.georgescu@acn.ro
The suggested wording is:



Translates as:
Undersigned: YOUR NAME owner of the yacht/motorboat named BOAT NAME with the following length..... type of engine..... draught..... power rating..... would like to go through the Danube Black Sea Canal through the following locks..... between DATE and DATE
Date written.....

Black Sea Canal
Right hand column: The working channel for Agigea lock and 15Km to 0Km is 74.

The working channel for Cernavoda lock and 64.4Km to 49Km is 14.

The working channel for Navadari lock, Port Midia, Port Madgidia, Port Basarabi, and 49Km to 15Km is channel 71.

Page 64 The Black Sea Constanța Port Tomis Marina
The border police now have a kiosk half way down the harbour, and you should report here on arrival, and advise them of your intended destination before departure.

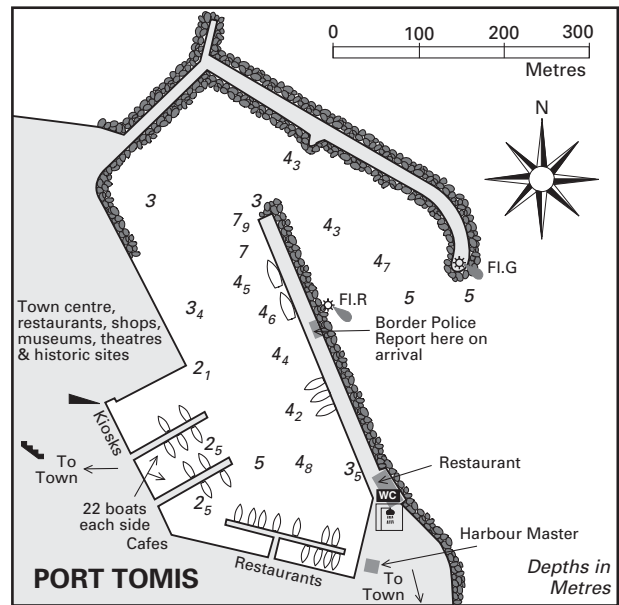
Port Tomis can accept boats up to 20m in length. The cost per day is charged at €0.35 multiplied by the ship's area (LOA X Beam) +20% VAT with a minimum area of 20m². For a year it is the same formula but €36.16. There is free WiFi in many of the nearby restaurants. There is no security and the general public can walk about the whole harbour area.

There is a ship chandler in Mircea cel Batran Street near the marina.

The flashing green light on the eastern breakwater has now been moved to the end of the new extended breakwater.

Delete: The guard here or harbourmaster will phone for the officials.

There are new pontoons with water and electric. Early in 2010 the harbour froze over and some boats sunk due to ice crushing the keel. It was suggested that if an overwinter stop was planned, Magnalia would be a better proposition. A river runs into the harbour there and this helped to break up the ice. The fuel truck will



only come to the harbour for deliveries of a minimum of 2,000 litres.

Add: A suitable place to refuel for smaller quantities is at Eforie Nord to the south.

New plan for Port Tomis above.

Page 66 Mamaia
44°13'.09N 28°38'.47E

In 2010 stable legs have been deposited up to 300m out to sea and it gives the impression this is the start of construction of a new marina. At present there is some shelter from the north and east.

Neptun
43°52'.3N 28°36'.5
Here is a small jetty which could be used in an emergency; otherwise you will be turned away since it is only for use by the members of parliament.

Page 67 Sulina Canal
Last paragraph on the page, add the following sentences:
Under reduced visibility (fog, mist, heavy rain, snow, etc) the navigation of the Sulina Channel is prohibited.
U from the international signal code is flown at the monitoring stations. Under normal conditions the navigation speed for small craft is 8 knots going upstream and 9 knots going downstream. A craft must have AIS.

Page 68 General
Remove the last paragraph: This section of our guide presents... now that both countries are in the European Union.

Navigation
Last paragraph. Remove: "Other arms are considered as Romanian or"
and replace with: "The Chilia Arm is a Ukranian inland waterway..."

Page 69 Danube Charts
See this supplement Page 2 Charts update.

Page 75 Veilko Gradiste

44°46'N 21°31'E

Moldova Veche

44°43'N 21°37'E

Page 76 Belvedere Yacht Club

Km 1027 Belvedere Yacht Club 44°39'N 21°38'E

Mooring

Pension Steaua Dunarii 44°40 'N 22°19'E Pontoon, restaurant, guest house.

Pension Ancora 44°40 'N 22°20'E Pontoon, restaurant, guest house.

Orsova Town 44°44'N 22°24'E There are some small moorings in this area all conveniently located for the town centre. The commercial port is on the east side of the bay.

Page 80 Bratul-Borcea arm

Km 369 Bratul-Borcea arm This can now be used by EU boats.

Page 84 Km157 to Km150 Galati

Second paragraph. Remove the sentence: You have to report to the harbourmaster's... away from the river. For EU boats it is not necessary to report to the harbourmaster.

Page 86 M43

If there is a powerful water flow on the Sulina channel that creates difficult conditions a black flag is hoisted. Take special precautions such as reduce speed.

Page 88 Sulina

The cost for a pleasure craft mooring at the jetty is €2.50/day.

Page 89 History of the Sulina Arm

4th line, change 1885 to 1855.

Page 95 Murighiol

Move the last paragraph: 'The chart shows ... about 35km' to be the last paragraph of Mahmudia at 88km.

Page 96 Borcea Arm

Calarasi with a population of 300,000 has all the facilities one would expect of a town of this size, supermarkets, garages, banks, restaurants, cafés, shops. There is a ferry from here to Silistra in Bulgaria.

The small townships have no pontoons or facilities. The exception is Fetesti which has a small harbour south of the bridges, with very basic facilities.

Km64 There is the entrance to a small canal that goes to Jegalia.

Page 97 Vidin

Remove most of the right hand column. Replace with: Vidin is a port of entry and the bureaucracy is now minimal.

Page 97 Fetesti**The Anghel Saligny Bridge**

The rail bridge is 920 metres long over this arm, contributing to the total length of 4,037 metres.

The air height of the two bridges is 30 metres.

Page 100 Rouse

At the entrance to Rouse commercial harbour located at 495.9km on the west bank is the Rouse yacht club. There are pontoons which can take boats up to 20m in length and a breadth of 8m. Available is water, electric, WiFi, showers and laundry. Fuel can be arranged. There are small shops near the harbour and a taxi can be used to visit the major supermarkets.

Booking in advance is recommended (although not compulsory). This can be done by email at rouse.yachtclub@gmail.com. It can also be done by phone or sms. In English ☎ 00359 887 384 797 or in German 00359 888 829 982.

There is now a boat club and visitors are welcome.

Other museums in Rouse include the National Museum of Transport (with many old steam trains) located in the countries first train station, Otets Paisii Museum, Zahari Stoyanov Museum and Batenberg Palace housing the history museum.

Page 101 Silistra

This is the last port of entry before entering Romania and the staff are now working more efficiently.